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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7506**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 530

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 7, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Stutzman

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission to direct a retracement survey of the original 1827 Indiana-Michigan boundary. It establishes the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Remonumentation Fund, and appropriates \$500,000 to the fund from the state General Fund for the Commission's purposes. It provides that money in the fund does not revert to the state General Fund until June 30, 2015. The bill also provides that the law establishing the Commission expires July 1, 2015.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission:* This bill establishes the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission and provides reimbursement to the Commission members for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred as a result of the provisions of the bill.

*Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Remonumentation Fund:* The bill also establishes the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Remonumentation Fund and makes appropriations from the General Fund of \$250,000 for each of FY 2010 and FY 2011. The Commission may not spend more than \$5,000 from the fund during each fiscal year for administrative expenses. Money in the fund does not revert to the General Fund until the end of FY 2015, when the law establishing the Commission expires.

**Background Information** - The Commission is required to administer a survey of the Indiana-Michigan border. The survey will install relatively permanent monumentation at the mile post positions established by the government survey of October 1827. If Michigan does not participate in the project, then the Commission may not replace lost mile post positions. The Commission will be comprised of five county surveyors, one from each of the following counties: Elkhart; LaGrange; LaPorte; St. Joseph; and Steuben. The Commission

may procure professional surveying services through the Indiana Department of Administration.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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